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WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has removed from this transitory life JUDGE REUBEN NOBLE, full of years and honors, to a better and more certain existence.

WHEREAS, Judge Noble was one of the sturdy pioneers of early Iowa who was largely responsible for the commanding position our State occupies today among her sister States.

And, as he was not only identified with the early material development of our State, but was one of the influential pioneer law-makers and was an active member of that honorable organization, known as the Pioneer Law-makers of Iowa, at the time of his death; now therefore, be it

Resolved, as follows: That we recognize the commanding influence for good of such a positive and aggressive character as Judge Noble. That we fully appreciate and regret the loss to Iowa in the death of such a man. That we tender to his family our sincere and lasting sympathy for their irreparable loss. That we extend to his surviving associates in the Pioneer Law-makers' association of Iowa our sympathy and affection, and with the hope while the years go by and the little band of Iowa's early law-makers grows smaller and smaller that they may ever cherish and revere the memory of Judge Reuben Noble, of Clayton county, a man that lived in one county for nearly one-half a century without reproach. That the clerk of this house shall send to Mrs. Reuben Noble at McGregor, Iowa, a copy of these resolutions.

T. J. SULLIVAN,
THOS. F. NOLAN,
SAMUEL MAYNE.

AARON W. HARLAN, aged eighty-six years, who was one of the first men to sell goods in Keosauqua, where he kept a store in the early days of this town, but whose home has been at Croton, Lee county, for a long time, was a visitor here Tuesday and Wednesday. In the early part of 1841, Edwin Manning loaded a flat-boat at Keosauqua with pork and other saleable products, and started it to New Orleans, with Mr. Harlan in charge. It was a long float, but that city was reached without accident in the month of May. This was the only flat-boat that made the entire trip from out the Des Moines to the Crescent City. Uncle Aaron was a scout in the secret service of the United States during the war of the rebellion and also served in the Mexican war. He is still quite vigorous.—*Keosauqua Republican*, April 15, 1897.

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